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REMARKS

Claims 2-7, 9-13, 15, 16 and 18-37 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant amends claims 2-5 and 9-13, cancels claim 8, and adds claims 23-37.

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 6, 7, 15, 16 and 18-22 are allowed, and that claims 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 3, 8, 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takaya et al. (U.S. 5,157,576).

Applicant has amended allowable claims 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12 to be in independent form including all of the feature of base claim 8 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 2, 3, 8, 11 and 13 is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12 are allowable over the prior art as indicated by the Examiner. Claims 2, 3, 11, 13 and 23-37 are dependent upon claims 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claims 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12 are allowable. In addition, claims 6, 7, 15, 16 and 18-22 are allowed as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

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2. The delay line according to claim [8] 4, wherein the at least four inductors are defined by a plurality of coil conductor patterns arranged on the same plane of the insulating layers of the laminated body.

3. The delay line according to claim [8] 4, wherein each of the at least four inductors has a coil axis that is substantially parallel with a laminating direction of the insulating layers of the laminated body, and winding directions of adjacent ones of the at least four inductors are opposite to each other.

4. [The] A delay line [according to claim 8,] comprising:
a coil divided into at least four inductors; and
a laminated body including a plurality of insulating layers and at least four stages of low pass filters including said at least four inductors and a plurality of capacitors;
wherein

the insulating layers are made of a dielectric ceramic material having a relative dielectric constant of about 15 or less.

5. [The] A delay line [according to claim 8,] comprising:
a coil divided into at least four inductors; and
a laminated body including a plurality of insulating layers and at least four stages of low pass filters including said at least four inductors and a plurality of capacitors;
wherein

one of the plurality of capacitors is connected to an end of at least one of the at least four inductors, and another of the plurality of capacitors is connected to another end of said at least one of the at least four inductors, are located at different positions in a laminating direction of the insulating layers.

9. [The] A delay line [according to claim 8,] comprising:
a coil divided into at least four inductors; and

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a laminated body including a plurality of insulating layers and at least four stages of low pass filters including said at least four inductors and a plurality of capacitors;
wherein

the low pass filters are LC π type low pass filters.

10. [The] A delay line [according to claim 2,] comprising:

a coil divided into at least four inductors; and

a laminated body including a plurality of insulating layers and at least four stages of low pass filters including said at least four inductors and a plurality of capacitors;

wherein

the at least four inductors are defined by a plurality of coil conductor patterns arranged on the same plane of the insulating layers of the laminated body; and

the insulating layers have a plurality of via holes for connecting the coil conductor patterns that define the at least four inductors.

11. The delay line according to claim [2] 10, wherein the coil conductor patterns that define the at least [three] four inductors have the same shape.

12. [The] A delay line [according to claim 8,] comprising:

a coil divided into at least four inductors; and

a laminated body including a plurality of insulating layers and at least four stages of low pass filters including said at least four inductors and a plurality of capacitors;

wherein

the number of the plurality of capacitors is greater than the number of the inductors.

13. The delay line according to claim [8] 4, wherein the insulating layers include magnetic material.